

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

91 - 126. (Canceled)

127. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as in claim 126~~, further comprising:

~~prior to said step of receiving said first digital file at said first device~~, storing said a first digital file in a first secure container on a first portable memory, said first secure container including said first digital file and at least one control governing at least one aspect of use of or access to said first digital file while said first digital file is contained in said first secure container;

receiving said first digital file at a first device, wherein said first digital file is received in said first secure container being stored on said first portable memory; and
establishing communication between said first device and a first clearinghouse located at a location remote from said first device;

said first device obtaining information from said first clearinghouse and using said information to gain access to or make at least one use of said first digital file;

storing said first digital file in a memory of said first device;

~~prior to said step of receiving said second digital file at said first device~~, storing said first digital file in a second secure container, said second secure container including said second digital file and at least one control governing at least one aspect of use of or access to said second digital file while said second digital file is contained in said second secure container;

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receiving said second digital file at said first device, wherein said second digital file is in said second secure container being stored on said a second portable memory different from said first portable memory;

establishing communication between said first device and a second clearinghouse located at a location remote from said first device,

said first device obtaining information from said second clearinghouse and using said information to gain access to or make at least one use of said second digital file;

storing said second digital file in a memory of said first device;

using at least a first control to determine whether some or all of said first digital file may be copied and stored on a second device;

if said first control allows at least a portion of said first digital file to be copied and stored on a second device:

copying at least a portion of said first digital file;

transferring said first digital file portion to a second device including a memory and an audio and/or video output; and

storing said first digital file portion in said memory of said second device;

using at least a second control to determine whether some or all of said second digital file may be copied and stored on said second device;

if said second control allows at least a portion of said second digital file to be copied and stored on said second device:

copying at least a portion of said second digital file;

transferring said second digital file portion to said second device;

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storing said second digital file portion in said memory of said second device while said first digital file portion is also stored in said memory; and
rendering said first or said second digital file portion through said output.

2.
128. (Previously Pending) A method as in claim 127, in which:

said step of storing said first digital file at said first device includes removing said first digital file from said first secure container; and

said step of storing said second digital file at said first device includes removing said second digital file from said second secure container.

3.
129. (Previously Pending) A method as in claim 128, in which:

said step of transferring said first digital file portion to said second device includes storing said first digital file portion in a third secure container, said third secure container including said first digital file portion and at least one control governing at least one aspect of use or access to any file contained within said third secure container; and

said step of transferring said second digital file portion to said second device includes storing said second digital file portion in said third secure container.

4.
130. (Previously Pending) A method as in claim 128, in which:

at least one of said third secure container controls governs at least one use that may be made of said first digital file portion and said second digital file portion while said first digital file portion and said second digital file portion are stored in said memory of said second device.

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~~131.~~ (Previously Pending) A method as in claim ~~130~~, in which:

said at least one of said third secure container controls restricts the ability of a user of said second device to make copies of said first digital file portion and said second digital file portion while said first digital file portion and said second digital file portion are stored in said memory of said second device.

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~~132.~~ (Previously Pending) A method as in claim ~~131~~, in which:

said restriction imposed by said at least one of said third secure container controls constitutes a prohibition on the creation by said second device of any copies of said first digital file portion or said second digital file portion.

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~~133.~~ (Previously Pending) A method as in claim ~~132~~, in which:

said first secure container controls include at least a first budget; and

said second secure container controls include at least a second budget.

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~~134.~~ (Previously Pending) A method as in claim ~~133~~, in which:

said first budget governs the number of copies which may be made by said first device of said first digital file or a portion thereof; and

said second budget governs the number of copies which may be made by said first device of said second digital file or a portion thereof.

9. 4
~~135.~~ (New) A method as in claim ~~127~~, in which:

said first portable memory and said second portable memory are disks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawing correct of the informalities indication on the "Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review." The sheets, which include Figs. 1-87, replace the originally submitted sheets. No additional elements have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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